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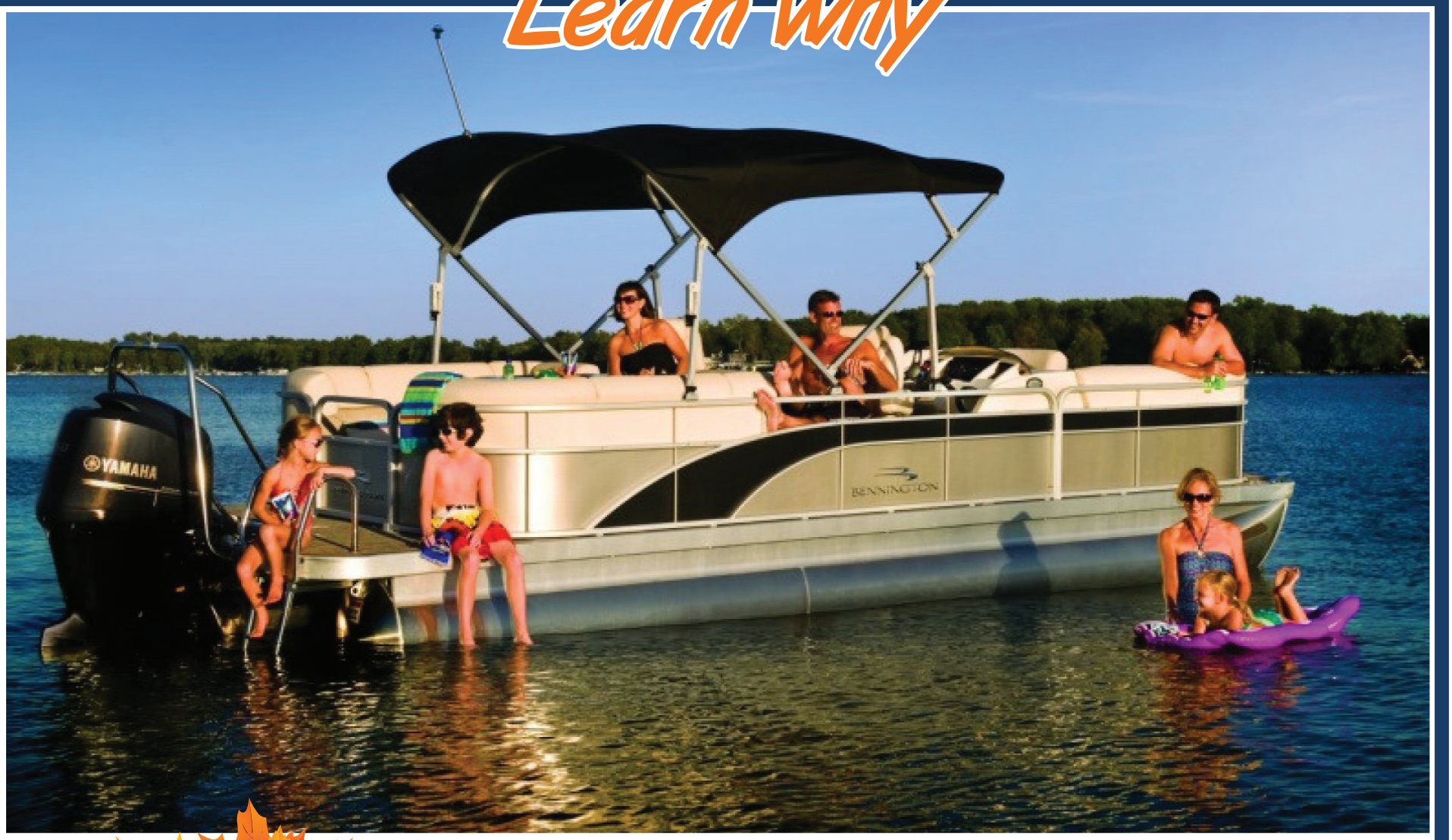

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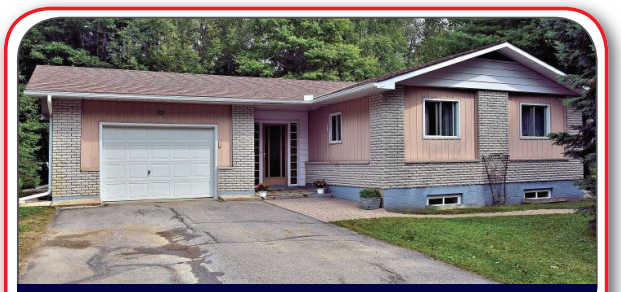

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My Thanksgiving season

STEVE GALEA

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I KNOW IT happens officially on the second Monday in October, but I have never been able to think of Thanksgiving as a single day. For me, Thanksgiving slowly begins to reveal itself with the first autumn breeze and ends at some nebulous point between the first snowfall and when the lakes ice over.

That is to say, I tend to think of Thanksgiving as a season. And during that season I am grateful for many, many things. Some are aesthetic, such as the autumn colours and the reflection they imprint upon our beautiful lakes. Some are emotional, such as the chance to sit in a duck blind with a lifelong friend or wait alone in a seat strapped high up a swaying tree.

My Thanksgiving holds the opportunity to see deer, turkey, grouse and squirrel go about their business. It provides a chance to participate in a hunt that will help feed you for the year to come. It gives you things you would never see such as a bald eagle circling your decoy spread or otters playing in the wetlands.

During the season, I can't help but feel thankful for the colours worn by brook trout at the end of September or the finery that a wood duck drake begins his southward migration with. I cannot help but stand in awe when shown the majesty of a mature whitetail in full rut – with its polished antlers and swollen neck and thick, flawless coat on full display as it stands proud and tests the air along a remote hardwood ridge. I don't know a person who is unaffected by that.

My Thanksgiving season has fresh cool nights and days with crisp blue skies, comfortable sunshine, long shadows and understated elegance. It cannot contain the thunderous flush of a grouse or the twittering rise of a woodcock from the damp earth beneath your feet. And for this too, I am grateful.

Its music is the honking of migrating geese and the quack of a hen mallard from somewhere within a misty marsh at dawn. The flush of a grouse, the barking of a squirrel, the peeping of a wood duck add to the symphony.

My Thanksgiving has brilliant sunrises, somber sunsets and star-filled nights.

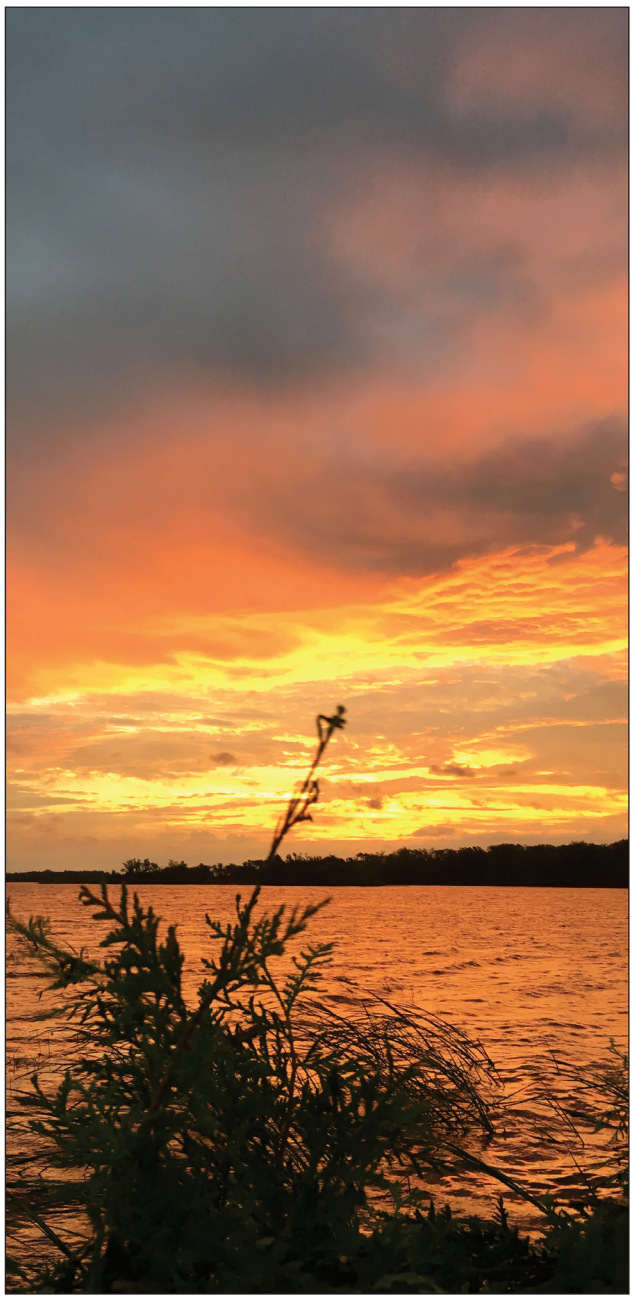
It has crisp wild apples, golden fields, vivid leaves riding a cool breeze. And, for all of these things, I am thankful.

These are the days to reconnect with old friends in camps and in the field and to reflect in solitude as chickadees and nuthatches gather sustinence. These are the times to watch nature in all its glory – in migration, in full rut, and in preparation for the winter to come.

Thanksgiving, my Thanksgiving, provides open woods that are easier to roam, air that is more pleasant to breathe and a magic that simply does not exist in any other season.

Yes, there is a great abundance of farmed produce, but there are also waterfowl and upland game that fell to the gun and big game pierced by the arrow or bullet. And because I participated in these acts, I feel more connected to my world.

My Thanksgiving is a season of wonder. And I give thanks for that during each wonderful, diminishing day.



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Top 10 ways to avoid raking leaves

I HATE TO BE the bearer of bad news, but soon we will all be morally obliged to rake leaves once again. This, by the way, is one more reason why it pays to be immoral. With that in mind, here is my annual list of ways to avoid raking leaves.

1. Surround yourself with evergreens. Sure it might be dark and dreary but there are benefits. No one ever expects you to pick up dried needles and cones.
2. Clear cutting. Environmentally unsound? Sure. But so is raking, right?
3. Pre-bag your trees. This could be a real option, if only the people at Glad would listen to me!
4. Buy an air boat. Keep the motor running. You get used to the sound.
5. Make your lawn available to a helicopter training school.
6. Build your next house above the tree line.
7. Live in a house boat during autumn.
8. Buy a house in "hurricane alley." Then, during hurricane season, leave your rakes outside.
9. Flame thrower. Light it up just once and someone else will volunteer to take care of those leaves for you.
10. Eat beans and other gassy food. Go outside. Turn your back to the leaves for a few hours. Take a lighter and you could also combine this with suggestion No. 9.

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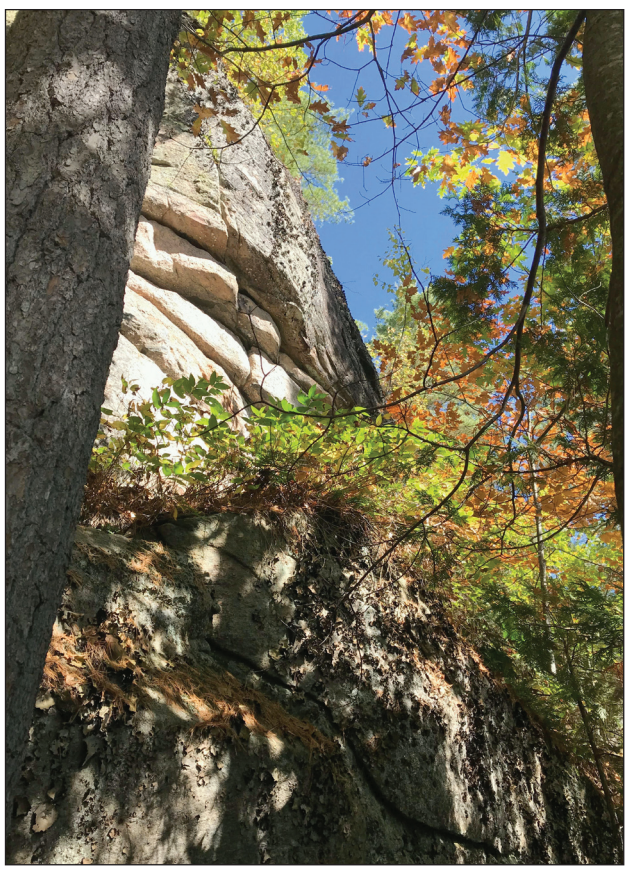


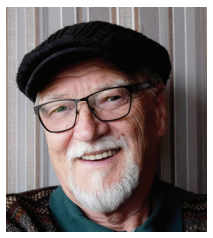
Frost Centre fall. /JENN WATT Staff

Kim McKenzie calls this photo "Fog days of summer." She took it in September on Haliburton Lake.

Thanksgiving in England, America, Denmark and Gelert

THANKSGIVING HAS its roots in England where it's popularly known as Harvest Festival, one of the oldest of festivals. Special Thanksgiving religious services became important during the English Reformation (1532-34) in the reign of Henry VIII, when people who depended on the land for their living decorated their churches with home-grown products, such as marrows, pumpkins and squash. The plentifulness or derth of such vegetables determined how well the population survived the winter, and the vegetable offerings were given in the hope of a good harvest the coming season.

I attended a Harvest Festival ceremony as a boy, and carried my big marrow (a fleshy, green-skinned gourd), up to the altar to go with the other vegetables. Unfortunately I dropped it and it smashed into numerous pieces. I remember crying, and running out of the church, and I haven't been back much since.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

Back in King Henry's day the entire community would be invited for a celebratory dinner as part of the festivities, and to accompany the vegetables, hares were roasted. Harvest Festival is held every year in the month of September, on a Sunday nearing the harvest moon, but it is not declared a national holiday.

According to some historians, the first celebration of Thanksgiving in North America occurred during the voyage of Martin Frobisher, who in 1576, set sail from England in search of the Northwest Passage. If true it would mean that the very first Thanksgiving in North America occurred about 43 years before the event that Americans commonly call the "First Thanksgiving." The Frobisher account however is in dispute, especially in Quebec, where some scholars say Thanksgiving can be traced to the French settlers who came to New France in the 17th century, and wanted to celebrate their successful harvests.

For whatever reason Canadians have decided over the years to emulate the American model which is in celebration of the Mayflower Pilgrims' first harvest in the New World, in 1621. Turkeys, which were plentiful in New England, became the replacement for the English hare and Thanksgiving has subsequently evolved as an event and holiday in North America, second only in importance to Christmas. Watching football on TV is also associated with Thanksgiving, as an after-meal family event for many Canadians and Americans. In the States, Thanksgiving and its holiday is celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, and in Canada on the second Monday in October.

Even though turkey remains the mainstay of the meal for most people, each family prepares its meals and celebrates with their own take on the custom; and Thanksgiving means different experiences for each family. For the Farrells of Gelert, Thanksgiving means it's a homecoming; the one time in the year we get to see at least one of our two sons.

Both Brendan, 32, and Tyson, 30, were raised in the county and went through the local school system. Brendan now works in Canmore, Alberta, and Tyson works in Copenhagen, Denmark. Coming home for Thanksgiving is a big commitment for both of them, but Brendan usually makes the event. He says for him Thanksgiving, and his mom's turkey meal, is one of the highlights of his year. Tyson usually comes either before or after Thanksgiving, when work allows him to.

Personally I'm not a huge turkey lover. I prefer chicken. However Michelle goes all-out at Thanksgiving, and of course we always eat way too much. But what I look forward to the most are walks with our sons and Michelle, amid the falling leaves of autumn; complicated and in-depth conversations with Tyson; and hoisting a beer with Brendan, who is something of a beer nut (excuse the pun). He works at the Bear's Paw brewery in Canmore, and when he's back we enjoy going on tours of our local breweries and down to the Old Flame brewery in Port Perry. We also like going to the Griffin Gastro Pub in Bracebridge. This year we'll be able to take him to the Pie Eyed Monk, the newly-opened brewery and restaurant in Lindsay.

Tyson looks like he will not make it in time for Thanksgiving this year and we can only hope that he gets to celebrate *Mortensaften*, or in English, Eve of Saint Martin's day. Since Danes are not deeply religious people, the day holds no religious value but is celebrated nonetheless. The menu usually consists of roast duck or goose, roasted potatoes, brown sauce, red cabbage and lots of red wine. Sounds OK to me, but Thanksgiving is best when both Brendan and Tyson are home. They're like chalk and cheese. One talks sports, and anything to do with beer and breweries, while the other talks about social inequalities in the world. There are always little squabbles as our sons seek a common ground. As I reminisce I never thought I'd miss the bickering. But that's part of what Thanksgiving is for us, as I'm sure it also was to those people who started the tradition in the first place

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WHY, WITH Thanksgiving almost here, Twindle Mumbly, Beanpole Starkman, Vilma Yuccch, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes and 'ol Maybelle got to flapping our lips about how the big day got started in the first place, don'tcha know.

"It was that European explorer, Frobish-something," Twindle said.

"Frobisher," Sybil broke in.

"That's right, Morgan Frobisher," said Twindle, "back in 1570-something,"

"It was MARTIN Frobisher in 1578," Sybil stated.

"Boy, you're a smarty-pants, Sybil."

"No," she said, "I just play a lot of Trivial Pursuit."

"Well," Twindle went on, "'ol Frobisher and his crew wanted to give thanks for arriving in Newfoundland safely. So, they had a feast … salt beef, biscuits and mushy peas."

"Yuck!" spewed Beanpole. "I'da stayed where I was!"

"It says here," I said, reading from my computer screen on a Canadian history site: "'The celebration featuring the uniquely North American turkey, squash and pumpkin was introduced to Nova Scotia in the 1750s and became common across Canada by the 1870s.' Yep, Google knows all."

"Well, does it know," Vilma said, "that the Indigenous peoples were holding community feasts celebrating harvesting their food in the fall before European folks even thought about coming here?"

Why if all our eyes didn't shoot straight at, through, under and around Vilma, don'tcha know. After all, her longest sentence to date had five words and a question mark. What suddenly made our dear friend a scholar?

"I play Trivial Pursuit, too" she said, rolling her baby blues. "Makes me sound smart at potlucks."

"Well, I'm glad we're talking about Thanksgiving because I'm thinking of breaking tradition this year," I said. Why, you'da thought I told them I was going to set my hair on fire.

"Don't tell me you're not going to roast a turkey!" Beanpole said.

"Or make your sweet potato pie," Vilma said.

"No, no, it has nothing to do with food," I said. "It has to do with what we're going to be giving thanks FOR. I mean, do we even know anymore, or are we just getting together because that's what we do every year at this time?"

"Are you getting all philosophicleeze on us, Maybelle?" said Beanpole. "I mean, what's wrong with sharing a drumstick and some squash?"

"You see? I evidently put my foot in my mouth before I even got to finish what I'm thinking. Of course I want us all to have a wonderful meal together. But this year, how about we update the meaning we give to Thanksgiving. You know, what is it that we are all individually feeling thankful for?"

"I'm liking that," Vilma said.

"Hear, hear," lauded Sybil in her bright British accent. "Why not give it a dry run right now?" She stood up and took a steady stance. "I, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, feel extremely thankful for the good health of my dear friends, especially, Twindle, because," she said looking straight at him, "when you feel out of sorts, you tell all of Lake WhaddayathinkImean about it. Like the time you had a HANGNAIL!" she said.

"Right," Beanpole said. "And an earache, wasn't it?"

"I'm next," Vilma said, sitting up in her chair. "I feel thankful for the roof above my head, the food in my refrigerator, my sleeveless tie-dye shirt business doing well, and especially my sweetheart, Stanley."

"And where is he right now?" I said.

"Getting our supper ready. Oh, I am thankful for that, too, 'cause I don't cook."

Twindle moved to the centre of the room. "Well, you all know how much my taxidermy business means to me. Well, I'm just thankful that folks keep bringing me their pets to stuff. It really makes me feel good."

I could see that Beanpole was edging to go next. "Every day I count my blessings 'cause I coulda hurt myself real bad every time I crashed my Tiger Moth biplane into Maybelle's wood shed."

"You should be thankful I didn't kill you!" I said, with a smile in my angst. "Guess I'm next. Well, I feel thankful for a lot of things … that I live in Canada in our wonderful Lake WhaddayathinkImean. I'm thankful that Bogart my pet bear just passed the bar. It's always good to have a lawyer in the family. And I feel thankful for all of you in this room and out there reading this right now. And I wish you all a mountain of good things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving … and every day."

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Reasons to elect Patrick Kennedy for Deputy Mayor

1. ***I care deeply about the future of this community***
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2. ***I am keenly aware of the challenges facing this community***
As a lifetime resident of Haliburton County, I am very aware of the unique challenges faced by a small rural community including jobs, housing, infrastructure and local services.

3. ***I have extensive experience in the public sector***
I served as Director of Emergency Services for Haliburton County for 8 years so I am familiar with budgeting and planning at a County level. I have also served on a large number of regional and Provincial level committee's.

4. ***I have a great track record for achieving goals***
As the Director of Emergency Services for Haliburton County from 2006 to 2014, I successfully expanded and modernized the County emergency services program, and implemented the Public Access Defibrillator Program.

5. ***I have a vested interest in the prosperity of this community***
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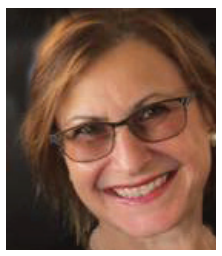

MARCI MANDEL
Way of Wonder

AS I SIT TO write, I see, from the ripples on the lake, the wind is coming from the east. Our neighbour and nature mentor, Stuart Gillespie, used to say: The eastern wind is a lazy wind; don't go round ya, go right through ya. Images of parkas, and scarves, and walking my dog on the frozen lake come to mind when I think of this. Hmm, fond memories.

Looking back, from this side of the Equinox, we also have lots of fond memories of summer fun. Our grandchildren were with us 61 days and the laughs, songs, and firsts will be relived endlessly, stoking internal fires as the cold winds return.

Road trips, jumping off cliffs, camp: it was a perfect summer for all kinds of fun and adventure. My cup runneth over, as does my photo library.

This weekend, with our sweaters on and campfires lit, we head into another adventure called fall. Motorboats are brought in, snow blowers are taken out, salads move to the side and ovens return to centre stage.

Like at Christmas and Valentine's Day, we come together at Thanksgiving to make time to open our hearts and appreciate the bountiful life we've created. Clocks don't belong, because when we gather in ceremony, there's all the time in the world.

Wow, just feel that relaxation in your body: "There's all the time in the world."

One ceremony we've performed through the years is taking time to go around the table and mention what we each are thankful for. I believe it's important to do this aloud with witnesses, for not only is this a time for giving thanks, it is also a time for receiving it.

There's a sacredness to this kind of interaction, giving and receiving – an Interbeing, as Thich Nhat Hahn, a Buddhist monk, would say.

Receiving someone's words is not the same as hearing them. Receiving is an intimate act. One has to be fully present, open and relaxed in a feeling of fulfillment. All thoughts of longings and needs are let go of, and the whole body is smiling.

Similarly, receiving a meal is very different than getting a plate of food. The act may look the same but there is a noticeable shift. When we receive food prepared for us, our souls are being filled, and not just our bellies. Hmm, I wonder: does a chef, who takes time and care to present a meal, prepare for the soul; and a cook, who rushes through orders, prepare for the belly? Maybe fine dining isn't about the cost of the meal as much as the care given and received.

…this wondrous, sacred, timelessness path we call life.

And I also wonder, about being in nature: how would the experience be different if one takes a hike or if one receives a hike? When we're in nature, are we fully present, aware of our movement amongst the trees, or are they merely obstacles to navigate? Are we interbeing with the vegetation or thoughtlessly stomping on it? Maybe that's how people can litter on the trail, because they're oblivious to their interbeing and trapped in their thoughts.

Another thing we "take" are pictures. Thanks to our smartphones, we can endlessly record events and post them on social media. I wonder what the difference would be if we used our cameras to slow down and receive images? Isn't this what photographers do? Have intimate, soulful connections with their subject? To me, this intimacy is what lifts a piece from craft to art, from pretty to beautiful.

Receiving. How interesting our culture gives so little thought to it. Is it really better to give than to receive? How can such a soulful act be wrong? We give compliments, and isn't it just as important to be able to fully receive them?

I remember offering a martial arts instructor cash for a workshop, and he took it in his hands, looked me in the eyes, smiling, and bowed. What a wonderful feeling of appreciation, on both our parts – truly giving and receiving.

Breathe in and receive the gift of aliveness.

Breathe out and give it away with your own personal flare.

Interbe on this wondrous, sacred, timelessness path we call life.

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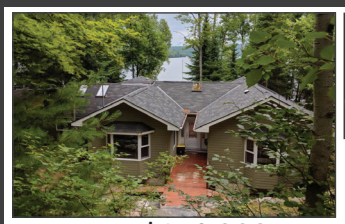

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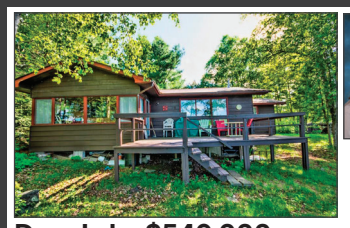

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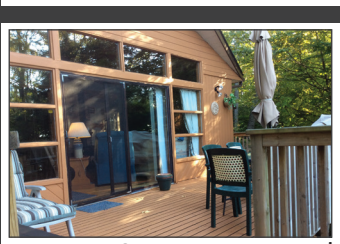

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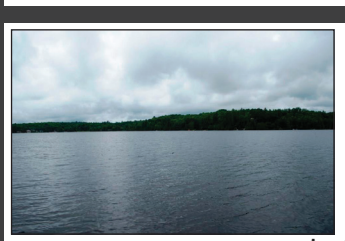

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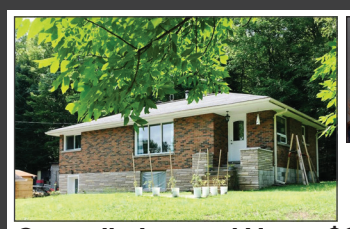

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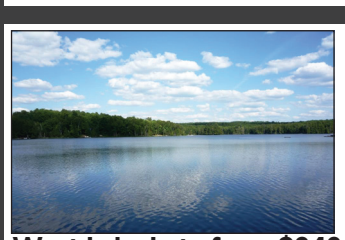

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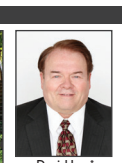

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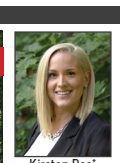

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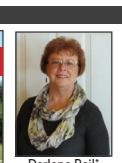

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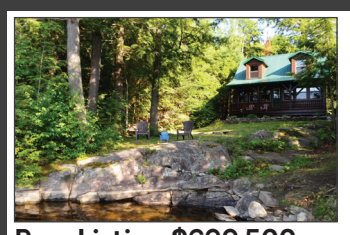

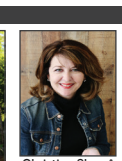

Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Rare Listing $699,500

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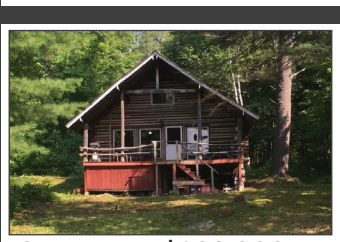


Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Cedar Lake $329,000

- A true Canadian classic 3 bdrm log cottage
- Open main level with a view of the lot & lake
- 26 ctges on the lake, surrounded by crown land

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

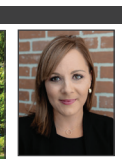
Windover Drive Lot $64,900

- In-Town Lot with Accessible water/sewer
- 0.44 acres, Perfect for Walk-Out Basement
- In Area of New Homes

Tom Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 25

Salerno Lake $349,000

- Cozy 2 bedroom year round living
- Large 4.8 acre private lot
- Requires a few finishing touches



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Lake $459,000

- Cozy year round, 3 bedroom, turnkey cottage
- Hard packed sand beach & a big lake view
- Walkout lower level, extensive list of updates

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Gardening in the Wild: A cacophony of culinary capsicum

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

FROST WARNING! Two words that strike terror into the hearts of gardeners, particularly those who grow vegetables. Baskets, boxes and bowls are quickly gathered and the mad dash to pick the vulnerable produce begins.

How ripe does a tomato need to be? Half green, all green, firm or soft – heck, just pick them all.

What about the cucumbers? And the zucchini? There are already five zucchini on the kitchen counter waiting to be dealt with.

My significant other hollers, "Do we have to harvest the Swiss chard, kale and carrots?" Thankfully, no, they withstand cold weather and even a few frosts. So do the onions, beets and broccoli. But we have to pick the peppers.

An hour after we started, every possible container was full of veggies and the kitchen looked like a farmers' market. It would have been delightful, but I had already spent the better part of two weeks canning and freezing. The cold-room was packed with spaghetti sauce, salsa, pickles, relish, bruschetta-in-a-jar and even peppers for stuffing. The freezer would make a vegan drool.

I even mailed a big box of jalapeños to a friend in Hamilton. (The postmistress asked if I was mailing dangerous goods. Are hot peppers dangerous goods?) Now there was a new wave of edibles and if experience proves out, fruit flies waiting to pounce.

I put on my Martha Stewart apron and started on the sweet salsa recipe all the time musing about the cacophony of culinary capsicums that landed on the countertop.

Capsicum annuum is the botanical name for most peppers. This species is the source for most of the varieties grown nowadays and also the wonderful spices paprika, cayenne and chili powder. There are hundreds of cultivars of hot and sweet peppers grown around the world and several common names exist. The large, sweet varieties are usually called "bell peppers" in North America and Great Britain but are "capsicums" in Australia and New Zealand and "paprika" in parts of Europe. Smaller and hotter peppers are generally called chilies, chili peppers or just peppers.

Peppers are in the nightshade family *(Solanaceae)*, a family that includes mostly tropical and sub-tropical plants. The bulk of representatives come from Central and South America where they are native. A few others come from tropical parts of Africa and one subfamily from Australia. It is a family that is notorious for amazing edibles, striking ornamental flowers and many alkaloid-containing deadly poisonous species.

Highly popular petunias and calibrachoa (million bells) are two annuals in the family. Petunia comes from a French word, petun, an obsolete word for tobacco plant – also in the nightshade family. Other important ornamentals related to the peppers are browalia, datura, nicotiana and the lovely, but highly invasive Chinese lantern plant which is often used in autumn decorations and was grown by Romans in the time of Dioscorides.

Poisonous members of the family that you are likely to encounter include deadly nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) and bitter nightshade (*S. dulcarama*) both found in disturbed sites like roadsides and edges of cultivated areas.

They are trailing annuals with small white or purple, star-shaped, five petal flowers followed by green or green turning to red berries. The berries are poisonous in different states of maturity and affect livestock as well as people.

As for the edible cousins, peppers are related to potatoes, tomatoes, tomatillos, eggplant, gooseberries and the recently popular goji berry. A close look at the flowers gives a clue to the relationship. I should note here that ground black pepper and black, white, pink and green peppercorns are NOT related to sweet and hot peppers. Peppercorns are the fruit from the flowering tropical vine, *Piper nigrum* the bulk of which is grown in Vietnam.

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In the culinary world, peppers are termed "pungent," a word to describe spicy heat or "piquant," which is just spicy without heat. The heat comes from the capsaicin that "stimulates sensory receptors that normally respond to heat or pain, creating the illusory sensation of heat," according to Thomas J. Elpel in his book *Botany in a Day*.

This heat is actually quantified in the Scoville Scale, a ranking of peppers according to their level of capsaicin. This scale, developed by pharmacist/scientist Wilbur Scoville in 1912, ranks peppers from mild to hot using heat units. Here are a few of the most popular peppers with their heat unit ranges:

0 to 100 - bell pepper and pimento
100 to 1,000 - banana pepper and Cubanelle
2,000 to 5,000 - Tabasco sauce, Sriracha hot sauce
1,000 to 10,000 - jalapeños
10,000 to 100,000 - cayenne pepper
100,000 to 350,000 - habanero, Scotch bonnet
500,000 to 1.5 million – police pepper spray (but variable due to dilution, as is Tabasco sauce)
1 million - ghost peppers
2 million plus - Carolina Reaper chili pepper
15 to 16 million - pure capsaicin

The mild bell pepper is about 92 per cent water but, in fact, is one of the highest rated vegetables for Vitamin C. It also ranks high in Vitamin A (in the form of carotenoids) and B6 along with several minerals and fibre. Of course, we grow them for the flavour despite the health benefits.

Peppers did well in Haliburton County this year because they are hot season plants and we certainly had the hot. But we didn't actually have that frost. So as soon as I finish this writing, I have to grab some baskets, bowls and boxes and head to the garden again to pick another cacophony of culinary capsicums!

Happy Thanksgiving.

Baskets and bowls are quickly filled in the wake of a frost warning. The kitchen looks like a veritable farmers' market when all is said and done.

The hot weather we had in Haliburton over the summer has made for an excellent pepper season. After canning is complete, the cupboard will be packed full of pickled peppers.

Wenona Lake residents build loon family a new home

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

Brian Williams, left, and Jack Piazza stand with the loons nest they built, complete with scrub grass found at the water's edge. /Photo submitted

A pair of loons just got a major home upgrade courtesy of the residents of Wenona Lake.

After watching the current nest slowly sink into the water over the course of a year, a few friends got together and hatched a plan to build a new model.

The process isn't straightforward, however; there aren't any plans to refer to and no one knows who built the current nest on the lake.

Brian Williams, who has cottaged on Wenona for 16 years, was given one of the key roles in building the new structure.

"I'd seen the old loon's nest from a distance before. It's almost underwater now...," he said.

"I drew up a plan of how to build it based on what I saw the old nest looked like from the surface."

The frame was created using 12 logs nailed together into a square three logs deep. The bottom was made of pressure treated lumber. Dock foam, landscape cloth, rocks and soil filled out the middle.

They even dug up some grass from the shoreline and planted it in the four corners to make the space more natural.

The whole process was a lesson in patience, creativity and at times physical strength. Jack Piazza, John Ewing, Tim Hagarty, Kevin Fowler and Williams each played roles in bringing the project to fruition.

The logs, for example, came from a roads project on Highway 118.

"I saw a big pile of cedar posts that they took out from the old guardrail," Williams said. "I started thinking about it and thought that would be the perfect material for starting this thing."

He was able to secure a donation of the posts.

All along the way, the group found people willing to help or make donations. Fowler Construction, Haliburton Timber Mart, Haliburton Home Hardware and Emmerson Lumber gave supplies to assist in the nest's creation.

There was plenty to take into account. The nest couldn't simply be a six-by-six-foot block floating in the water.

The group researched loons, their predators and their physiology.

They needed a nest that was close to the waterline so it was easy to get in and out of, but it also needed to be at least 50 feet from shore to protect them and their offspring from predators. Loon chicks can be easily snatched up by snapping turtles, other birds or even large fish.

At first, Williams's biggest concern was that this large, heavy structure wouldn't sink.

"We got all that done and we thought, jeez I hope this thing floats," he said.

Later, he would wish it were a little less buoyant.

After rolling the nest off the back of a trailer into the water and then towing it out to its new location, the new nest sat with a log and a half visible above the

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2018 Municipal Candidates Survey

FOOD SECURITY:

Food insecurity has many sources – poverty, lack of access to healthy foods, long food supply chains. It is estimated that stores stock only 3 days food. Should the supply chain collapse people in Haliburton County will be in a food deficit. Relying more on locally produced food would go some way to alleviate food insecurity. Our Haliburton Townships and the County are to be commended for having taken many steps to support local agriculture and the food system, including participating in Harvest Haliburton (http://www.harvesthaliburton.com/).

If elected will you ensure that your Municipality takes into consideration the production, processing and retail of local foods and land use, when formulating by-laws and by-law amendments, recognizing our rural nature?

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Jack Piazza saws a piece of dock foam to line the inside of the new loon's nest. /Submitted

The new home of the Wenona Lake loons is complete and ready for its first residents. /Submitted

Area businesses come to the aid of nest builders

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water.

"That would be very difficult for loons to negotiate to get into from the water," he said.

Eventually, the solution came in adding more rocks and more soil, which had to be taken over by boat.

It's now sitting at just the right height.

Williams said he thinks there might be interest from other lake residents – particularly on the other three lakes in the chain: Long, Miskwabi and Negaunee.

"Jack [Piazza] and I said we're a little concerned now once somebody hears about this they might want us to build a nest for another lake," Williams laughed.

The group's efforts came too late in the summer for the loons to move in; they'd already taken up residence on the sinking platform, where they successfully laid their eggs.

With that location now mostly underwater and the new nest ready and waiting, the group hopes the loons will make themselves at home.

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Gull problems persist on Mountain Lake
by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff
"Embarrassed" was a term used by some members of Minden Hills council as they heard presentations from residents of Mountain Lake during an Aug. 30 meeting.
For years, the lake has been plagued by a seagull population who feed at the township's nearby Scotch Line landfill, and then retreat to the lake, where they litter the water, decks, docks and boats.
"I'm not talking about 10, 20, 50 or 100 seagulls," resident Kym Hanson told councillors, adding that a few a days before the council meeting, a count had found nearl 700 gulls in one of the lake's bays.
Hanson said the birds soil her family's dock and swimming area with feces, feathers and garbage from the landfill. She is a mother to two young daughters and said her family must clean out the water near their cottage before the girls can go swimming.
A detailed presentation she'd prepared showed images of large flocks of seagulls on the lake, as well as their covering docks and boats.
"Before I even get out of bed, I start to feel anxious – are there going to be seagulls sitting there?" she said, adding she was sure that

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Wilberforce Agricultural Society Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Saturday, October 6, 2018
from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre
Details:The Famous Wilberforce Fair Thanksgiving Dinner takes place on Saturday, October 6th at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre. Purchase advance tickets by e-transfer, at Agnew's General Store or the Wilberforce Information Centre and help support your Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. Dinner is served at 5:00PM. Adults $15, Children under 12 $7.
For more information call 705-448-3981 or email info@wilberforcefair.com

Still Standing Town Screening

When: Tuesday, October 30, 2018
from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Where: Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce
Details: Save The Date!
Join the Community for a special town screening of the Wilberforce Still Standing Episode on Tuesday, October 30th, 2018 at 7:00PM at the Lloyd Watson Centre, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

Save the Date for these upcoming events:

NOV 3RD
33RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE
Wilberforce Community Centre
NOV 10TH
HERITAGE TURKEY SUPPER
Highland Grove Community Centre
NOV 10TH
GEOCACHING INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL – Wilberforce Community Centre
NOV 11TH
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES
NOV 17TH
GLOW IN THE DARK
Wilberforce Curling Club
NOV 24TH
LIGHT THE NIGHT – Cardiff
DEC 1ST
ANNUAL HERITAGE GUILD CRAFT SALE
Wilberforce Community Centre
MORE DETAILS SEE HIGHLANDS EAST CALENDAR AT *WWW.HIGHLANDSEAST.CA*

Hobo Dinner & Bean Auction

When: Saturday, October 20, 2018
from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Where: Cardiff Community Centre
Details: Bring a can of beans to share for a potluck "Hobo Dinner" and bring one useful(?) item in a brown paper bag with a hint as to the item's identity written on the outside of the bag -- for the bean auction after dinner.
Contact Keith Plumb at 613-339-3436 for details.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

When: Saturday, October 27, 2018
from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Tory Hill Landfill
Details: For more details visit www.highlandseast.ca/article/household-hazardous-waste-collection-dates

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Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Dinner presented by the Wilberforce Agricultural Society
When: Saturday, Oct. 6, 5 p.m.
Where: Lloyd Watson Community Centre, Wilberforce
A delicious turkey meal with all the trimmings and dessert. Adults are $15, Children under 12 years are $7 and preschoolers are free. Dinner is served starting at 5 p.m. Proceeds from the dinner support the 2019 Wilberforce Fair. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Wilberforce Information Centre, Agnew's Store and on line. Visit our website at WilberforceFair.com

Thanksgiving Food Drive
When: Sunday Oct. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Please bring your donation to St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake Located on St. Peter's Road, off Hwy 118, north of Carnarvon
Maple, Beech & Cameron (MBC) Lakes Property Association will be holding their fourth annual Thanksgiving Food Drive In support of the Minden Community Food Bank Centre.
Non-perishable goods – such as powdered milk, canned and dry foods. Please consider donating items suitable for kids lunches such as 100% juice boxes, fruit cups, canned tuna, ham or salmon.
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables – apples, oranges, carrots, potatoes, beans etc.
Toiletries – toothpaste, shampoo, soap, dish & laundry soap.
Cash Donations –The Minden Food Bank will provide a tax receipt for any cash donation over $20. Please make cheques payable to the Minden Food Bank.
New this year – MBC will match up to $1,000 of the total cash donation!
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Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic
When: Wednesday, Oct. 10, 10:30 a.m to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205

Open House: Special Olympics teams, the Red Wolves
When: Saturday Oct.13, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Library and the Minden Legion
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Maple Lake United Church, Harvest Dinner
When: Saturday, Oct. 13, 5:30 p.m.
Cost: $20
Reservations are recommended. Call Marrie Barry at 705-754-2258 or Beverly Upton at 705-286-2130

Facebook 101
When: Monday, Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Location: HCDC Boardroom
Cost: Free
Overview: This workshop, co-hosted with the Haliburton County Development Corporation, will provide participants with a step-by-step guide on how to create and operate a Facebook page for their business, including posting, updating, growing, and reviewing the growth and success of the pages using Facebook analytics. Space will be extremely limited. Participants are expected to bring their own laptops to participate and are welcome

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Webinar: Social Media Marketing

When: Monday, Oct. 15, 1 to 2 p.m.
Location: HCDC Boardroom & Online
Cost: Free
Overview: This seminar will provide participants with an overview of all social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Google plus, and Youube. There will be a focus on digital marketing strategies for each platform, as well as a review of the pros and cons of each so that participants can decide which would best fit the needs of their businesses. There will also be a review of the Constant Contact email marketing platform.

Haliburton: Food Handler Course

When: Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m to 4 p.m
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. Cost is $40 per person. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577.

Recurring Events

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild

When: Second Wednesday of every month, at 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: Stanhope Community Centre, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
Details: Meeting often preceded by working on a project at 10 a.m.
Contact: Pat Campbell at 705-286-6042 or patcampbell@live.ca

Haliburton Highlands Weaving & Spinning Guild Open Studios:

Time: Every Tuesday 1 to 4 p.m.
Place: Zion United Church, Carnarvon
No experience needed.
Contact: Pat @ 705-286-6042 or andreacoysh@gmail.com

Dorset Craft Connections Group

When: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
$1 per person

Haliburton Region Shout Sister! Choir

When: Practices are held Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Haliburton United Church, Fellowship Room, 10 George St., Haliburton.
Details: Directed by Laurel McCauley, Welcoming new members. We do not audition and learn our music by ear. All levels of singers are welcome. We sing a fun variety of music from pop and folk to Motown.

Health Recovery

Monday 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Centre
Monday: 10 a.m. to noon
Thursday: 10 a.m. to noon
For more information contact: Wilma at 705-457-5829 or email peterborough@taoist.org
Schedule of classes also at taoist.org/peterborough

Table Tennis

When: Monday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

Bid Euchre

When: Thursday, and every third Sunday, afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m.
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden
Cost is $3 on Thursdays and $8 on Sundays
Contact: Elisha Weiss, Community Development Coordinator, 705-286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca.

Legion Events

Branch 636 Minden

Monday – Thursday Lunch 12 to 2 p.m.
Tuesday Special liver day, regular menu also.
Friday 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Fish, Chicken Wings, Fries and Onion Rings.
Daily events:
Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers. (every two weeks)
Tuesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Senior art group. 1 to 4 p.m., Bid Euchre,
Wednesday 12 - Meat Draws, 4 butcher quality meats for $1 a ticket. 1 to 4 p.m., Ladies Darts, 5 to 7 p.m. Calorie Counters.
Thursday 7 p.m. Darts. 7 p.m. Euchre
Friday Every second week, Karaoke with Fred and Linda, 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.
Saturday Special Lunch every week with meat Draw at 1 p.m.
Sunday Sports Day 12 to 4:30 p.m.

Branch 624, Wilberforce

Friday Ham & Scalloped dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Saturday Crib tournament. Registration 10:30 am. Play begins 11:30 Sharp
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Tuesday General Meeting 7 p.m.
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Branch 129, Haliburton

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays:	Bridge every Monday at 1 p.m.
Tuesdays:	Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays:	Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start Bingo Doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. - $500 Jackpot, $1,000 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.
Thursdays:	General Meeting third Thursday of the month, Mar through Dec., starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays:	Cribbage 1 p.m. start, Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw - 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Chester Howse, MC Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards
Saturdays:	50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:	Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. $6 per person.

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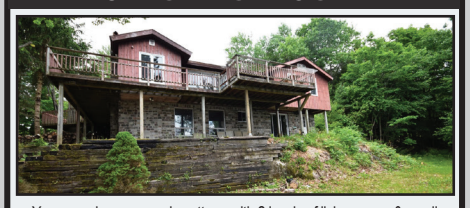

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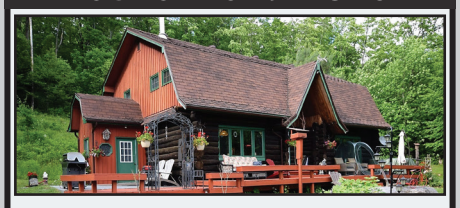

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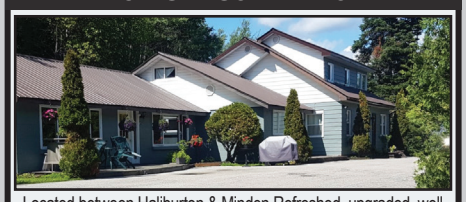

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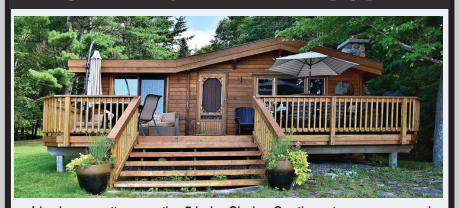

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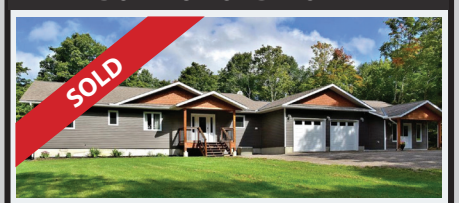

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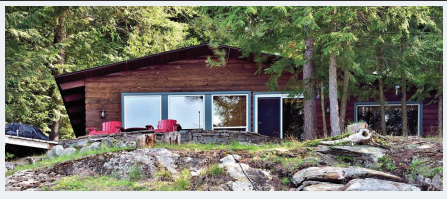

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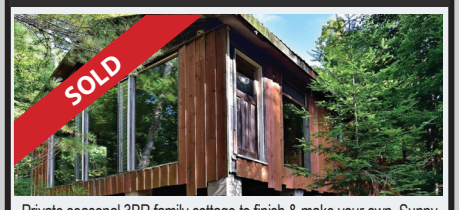

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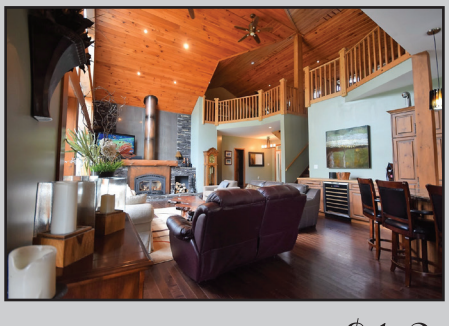

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Chamber asks for support from members, politicians

by Andy Holloway

Last year was a time of "challenges and changes" for the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, outgoing president Rhonda Elstone told members at last Wednesday's annual meeting.

Elstone said the board had to make do last year with fewer paid staff, less money and the amalgamation of the county's economic development office.

She added that the chamber has to deal with a large diverse area which means most decisions will always leave some people out in the cold.

Elstone said people who say the chamber should be self-sufficient do not realize how the organization operates. She said most chambers act as lobby groups while Haliburton's takes on more of a marketing role. The board could be self-sufficient, she said, but that would mean it could no longer have an information centre, attend shows in Toronto or produce ads or lure pieces.

She said the board needs more money to do its job properly. This funding should be generated through increased memberships and by pressuring politicians to pay up.

The board's auditor Dawson Gray reported that the board had a surplus of almost $23,000 for the year ending March 31, 1992 compared to a $577 surplus the previous year. However, to accomplish this the board had to cut its expenses in half

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Board turns money down

by Andy Holloway

It is not often a group turns away government funds, but that is exactly what the Haliburton County Board of Education did at their last meeting.

The Ministry of Education is offering at total of $50 million in 1994 capital grants to school boards for the creation of counselling facilities on school property.

In a recorded vote on September 22, seven trustees voted against dipping into the provincial funds while six voted for the idea.

It was proposed at the meeting that the board in partnership with community social agencies submit a funding proposal for the creation of a 2,000 square foot counselling facility. Only agencies whose mandate provides services for children and families are eligible for funding. The government would have fully funded such a facility if it were approved.

Education director Brad Saunders says the trustees turned down the proposal for several reasons, the main one being the children's safety.

"I think the major reason was the concern that would the presence of a counselling facility attract other adults into the school at a time when we're very concerned about the safety of our children," says Saunders.

"Right now the parents of Archie Stouffer feel that once their children go there they are safe. It was something that the trustees felt was very important and they didn't want to take the risk of compromising that safety."

Trustees voting against the motion were: Lloyd Griffiths, Cheryl Murdoch, Wayne Wood, Wally Bunn, Elsa May, Nancy Dunford and Leonard Salvatori.

Voting for the motion were: Leroy Eager, Tim Casey, John Munro, Wendy Ladurantaye, Craig Petit and Mary Ann Wilson.

JohnMacLeod: Toronto is where he lives, but Haliburton is where he'd like to make his home

Jazzing it up

A chance to play at 'home'

Choosing between two loves can be agonizing, but every once in a while you can have your cake and eat it too.

For John MacLeod, October 16 will be one of those rare occasions when he can enjoy the love of his art in the community he would like to call home.

MacLeod plays trumpet in the Mike Murley Quartet, a Toronto-based jazz group which will be performing in a fundraising concert at the Haliburton Legion.

MacLeod was born and raised in Toronto, but his roots are in Haliburton County. Ever since his childhood, MacLeod has been coming to the county for vacations at his parents' cottage on Horseshoe Lake. His parents eventually bought acreage in Blairhampton and retired here, selling their home to their son.

The Mike Murley Quartet will perform Oct. 16 at the Haliburton Legion. Proceeds to the Guild of Fine Arts. Tickets are $12 at Minden IDA and Rails' End Gallery

Although he was born and raised in Toronto, MacLeod says the memories of his youth are based in the highlands. "My childhood is based here more so than in the city," he says. "I feel a strong connection here, that's why I'm so glad to be playing in Haliburton."

Eventually, MacLeod hopes to make Haliburton his home. However, the reality of building a career as a jazz musician has made that impossible. The last jazz concert here was in 1978 when the Rotary club sponsored a jazz festival at the Minden Community centre.

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Devolin wins Reform Party post

Winning the right to represent the local Reform party will mean a great deal of work for Barry Devolin over the next few weeks.

Devolin, one of the key organizers of the Victoria-Haliburton Reform party riding association, received support from his fellow party members September 28 when he was chosen as the Reform candidate for the next federal election. He was elected at the association's nomination meeting at the Lindsay Armouries Monday. And by Tuesday he was setting out an agenda of activities that will keep him busy through to the end of October.

Although there is no federal election in the near future, Devolin's nomination comes in the midst of the campaigning for the country's referendum on the constitution.

"I'm hot on the referendum trail," the Haliburton resident told The Times Tuesday. Preparation work for a federal election have been put on hold until after the referendum.

In regards to the referendum, Devolin says he will be trying to find ways of providing information to the public about the agreement. A public forum on the referendum is being planned for October 7 in Haliburton where Devolin will express his thoughts on the issue. He is also preparing his argument in opposition to the constitution to be published next week in The Times.

In terms of party business, Devolin says he will be attending a three-day assembly in Winnipeg at the end of the

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